

WC § 16.04.165 Development Plan Review.

Purpose: A Development Plan Review process is hereby established for the Town of Westfield and Washington Township, Hamilton County, Indiana. The purpose of the Development Plan Review process is to: (i) promote innovation and creativity in the design of the built environment; and, (ii) assure the compatibility of new development or major additions to existing development with the surrounding community. The Development Plan Review Process shall be applicable to all zoning districts. The Development Plan Review Process shall be applicable to any: (i) new construction; (ii) building additions; (iii) new or expanded surface parking areas; (iv) new or expanded surface loading areas; (v) exterior building renovations that require a building permit; or, (vi) permanent signs that require a permit pursuant to WC 16.08 et seq., located within the planning and zoning jurisdiction of the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission. The approval or disapproval of a Development Plan is hereby delegated to the Plan Commission, or, in certain limited situations as set forth below, to the Director.

A. Districts Designated for Development Plan Review.

The approval of a Development Plan shall be a prerequisite for any: (i) new construction; (ii) building additions; (iii) new or expanded surface parking areas; (iv) new or expanded surface loading areas; (v) exterior building renovations that require a building permit; or, (vi) permanent signs that require a permit pursuant to WC 16.08 et seq., in all zoning districts contained in this Ordinance.

B. Development Plan Authority.

1. Development Plan Authority Delegated to the Plan Commission.

The authority to approve or disapprove a Development Plan for the following developments is hereby delegated to the Plan Commission:

- a. any development for a use *other than* a Single Family Residential Use in a Residential District (AG-SF1, AG-SF-I, SF1, **SF-A**, SF2, SF3, SF4, SF5);
- b. any proposed development in any Multi-Family District (MF-1, MF-2);
- c. any proposed development in any Business District (GO, GO-PD, LB, LB-H, LB-PD, GB, GB-PD, SB, SB-PD);
- d. any proposed development in any Industrial District (EI, EI-PD, OI, OI-PD);
- e. any proposed development of a Single Family Subdivision (AG-SF1, AG-SF-I, SF1, **SF-A**, SF2, SF3, SF4, SF5); and,
- f. any proposed permanent signs, in any district, that require a permit pursuant to WC 16.08 et seq.

2. Development Plan Authority Delegated to the Director.

The authority to approve or disapprove a Development Plan for any proposed development of or addition to a single family dwelling or accessory residential structure on *an individual lot* within a Residential District is hereby delegated to the Director.

C. Development Requirements - General.

Each Development Plan shall demonstrate compliance with the Development Requirements specific to each District as well as the following Development Requirements:

1. Compliance with all applicable development standards of the zoning district in which the real estate is located;
2. Compliance with all applicable provisions of any Overlay District in which the real estate is located;
3. Compliance with all applicable provisions of the Subdivision Control Ordinance (unless a waiver has been granted, in which case compliance with the terms and conditions of the waiver grant shall be required);
4. Compliance with all applicable provisions of this Chapter WC16.04.165 (unless a waiver has been granted, in which case compliance with the terms and conditions of the waiver grant shall be required);
5. The proposed development shall be appropriate to the site and its surroundings based upon the recommendations contained in the Westfield – Washington Township Comprehensive Plan;
6. The design and location of proposed street and highway access points shall minimize safety hazards and congestion;
7. The capacity of adjacent streets and highways is sufficient to safely and efficiently accept traffic that will be generated by the new development;
8. The applicable utilities have sufficient capacity to provide potable water, sanitary sewer facilities, electricity, telephone, natural gas, and cable service at a satisfactory level of service to meet the needs of the proposed development; and,
9. The entrances, streets and internal traffic circulation facilities in the proposed development are compatible with existing and planned streets and adjacent development.

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D. Development Requirements for Each District.

1. Any development for a use other than a Single Family Residential Use in a Residential District (AG-SF1, AG-SF-I, SF1, SF-A, SF2, SF3, SF4, SF5).
 - a. Site Access and Site Circulation:
 - (1) All proposed site access locations shall comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation, Driveway Permit Manual (1996 Version) and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference;
 - (2) All proposed site access locations shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the proposed development; and,
 - (3) Site circulation patterns shall be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and create a safe and efficient movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the site.

Where site access has been officially approved by an agency other than the Town of Westfield, the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission shall not be compelled to include such approved access in the approval of the Development Plan.

- b. Landscaping – See WC 16.06 et seq.
- c. Lighting – See WC 16.07 et seq.
- d. Signs – See WC 16.08 et seq.
- e. Building Orientation.
 - (1) No loading spaces or loading docks shall be permitted to face a public street.
 - (2) Loading spaces or loading docks facing or oriented to a side or rear lot line of an adjoining Residential District shall be screened from view from such Residential District by the use of: (i) evergreen trees; or, (ii) a combination of overstory, understory or evergreen trees and a solid wall or fence, which creates a dense visual barrier to a minimum height of six (6) feet.
- f. Building Materials.

In order to insure compatibility of non-residential uses with surrounding residential uses in Residential Districts, all nonresidential uses shall use exterior

building materials, roofline treatments and roofing materials that are compatible with and consistent with residential construction methods and materials.

2. Any Multi-Family District (MF-1, MF-2).

a. Site Access and Site Circulation:

- (1) All proposed site access locations shall comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation, Driveway Permit Manual (1996 Version) and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference;
- (2) All proposed site access locations shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the proposed development; and,
- (3) Site circulation patterns shall be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and create a safe and efficient movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the project. Multi-family projects shall be provided with internal sidewalks or pathways along all internal streets as well as sidewalks or pathways along perimeter streets. All sidewalk or pathway systems shall be designed so as to connect to an existing or proposed sidewalk or pathway network.

Where site access has been officially approved by an agency other than the Town of Westfield, the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission shall not be compelled to include such approved access in the approval of the Development Plan.

- b. Landscaping – See WC 16.06 et seq.
- c. Green Space Areas – See WC 16.04.040 Multi-Family Districts.
- d. Lighting – See WC 16.07 et seq.
- e. Signs – See WC 16.08 et seq.
- f. Building Materials.

All new buildings or building additions located in any Multi-Family District shall utilize two (2) or more exterior building materials (excluding window, door, and roofing materials). The primary exterior building material used on each facade shall be either brick or Exterior Insulation and Finish System (E.I.F.S.) and shall constitute a minimum of seventy-five (75) percent of each facade.

3. Any Business District (GO, GO-PD, LB, LB-H, LB-PD, GB, GB-PD, SB, SB-PD).

a. Site Access and Site Circulation:

- (1) All proposed site access locations shall comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation, Driveway Permit Manual (1996 Version) and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference;
- (2) All proposed site access locations shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the proposed development; and,
- (3) Site circulation patterns shall be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and create a safe and efficient movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the site.

Where site access has been officially approved by an agency other than the Town of Westfield, the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission shall not be compelled to include such approved access in the approval of the Development Plan.

b. Landscaping – See WC 16.06 et seq.

c. Lighting – See WC 16.07 et seq.

d. Signs – See WC 16.08 et seq.

e. Building Orientation.

- (1) Each building façade visible from a public street or oriented to an adjoining Residential District shall be a finished façade.
- (2) No loading spaces or loading docks shall be permitted to face a public street or an adjoining Residential District.
- (3) No outside storage shall be permitted between an established building line and the right-of-way of a public street or an adjoining Residential District.
- (4) All roof or ground mounted mechanical equipment shall be completely enclosed. Ground-mounted enclosures for mechanical equipment shall be landscaped on all sides not facing the building served.

f. Building Materials.

In order to create variation and interest in the built environment, all new buildings or building additions located within any Business District shall use the exterior building materials specified below on each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District:

- (1) All brick (excluding window, display window, door, roofing, fascia and soffit materials); or,
- (2) Two (2) or more building materials (excluding window, display window, door and roofing materials), provided, however, that the primary building material shall be either brick or Exterior Insulation and Finish System (E.I.F.S.) and shall constitute a minimum of sixty (60) percent of each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District.

The exterior building material selection shall be supplemented with the use of multiple colors, multiple textures (e.g., rough, smooth, striated, etc.) or the addition of architectural elements (e.g., quoins, pilasters, soldier courses, lintels, friezes, cornices, dentils, architraves, etc.) on each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District:

4. Any Industrial District (EI, EI-PD, OI, OI-PD).

a. Site Access and Site Circulation:

- (1) All proposed site access locations shall comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation, Driveway Permit Manual (1996 Version) and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference;
- (2) All proposed site access locations shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the proposed development; and,
- (3) Site circulation patterns shall be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and create a safe and efficient movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the site.

Where site access has been officially approved by an agency other than the Town of Westfield, the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission shall not be compelled to include such approved access in the approval of the Development Plan.

b. Landscaping – See WC 16.06 et seq.

c. Lighting – See WC 16.07 et seq.

d. Signs – See WC 16.08 et seq.

e. Building Orientation.

- (1) Each building façade visible from a public street or oriented to an adjoining Residential District shall be a finished façade.
- (2) No loading spaces shall be permitted to face a public street or an adjoining Residential District.
- (3) No outside storage shall be permitted between an established building line and the right-of-way of a public street or an adjoining Residential District.
- (4) All roof or ground mounted mechanical equipment shall be completely enclosed. Ground-mounted enclosures for mechanical equipment shall be landscaped on all sides not facing the building served.

f. Building Materials.

In order to create variation and interest in the built environment, all new buildings or building additions located within any Industrial District shall use the exterior building materials specified below on each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District:

- (1) Brick or other masonry material. Other masonry materials shall include:
 - a. Architectural concrete, if the surface of the architectural concrete simulates brick or stone (e.g., limestone, marble, or, granite);
 - b. Pre-cast concrete, if the surface of the pre-cast concrete is painted, textured (e.g. rough, striated, imprinted with a pattern or form), or designed to simulate brick or stone (e.g., limestone, marble, or, granite);
 - c. External Insulation and Finish System (E.I.F.S.); or,
 - d. Stone.
- (2) If a masonry material other than brick is utilized, it shall be supplemented with the use of multiple colors, multiple textures (e.g., rough, smooth, striated, etc.) or the addition of architectural elements (e.g., quoins, pilasters, soldier courses, lintels, friezes, cornices, dentils, architraves, etc.) on each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District.
- (3) The primary exterior building material shall constitute a minimum of sixty (60) percent of the available wall area (exclusive of window and doors) of each facade visible from a public street or an adjoining Residential District.

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5. Any Single Family Subdivision Development in a Residential District (AG-SF1, AG-SF-I, SF1, **SF-A**, SF2, SF3, SF4, SF5).

a. Site Access and Site Circulation:

- (1) All proposed site access locations shall comply with the requirements of the Indiana Department of Transportation, Driveway Permit Manual (1996 Version) and any amendments thereto, which is hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Ordinance by this reference;
- (2) All proposed site access locations shall provide for the safe and efficient movement of vehicular and pedestrian movement to and from the proposed development; and,
- (3) Site circulation patterns shall be designed to minimize conflicts between vehicular and pedestrian traffic, and create a safe and efficient movement of both vehicular and pedestrian traffic in and around the subdivision. Subdivisions shall be provided with internal sidewalks or pathways along all internal streets as well as sidewalks or pathways along perimeter streets. All sidewalk or pathway systems shall be designed so as to connect to an existing or proposed sidewalk or pathway network.

Where site access has been officially approved by an agency other than the Town of Westfield, the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission shall not be compelled to include such approved access in the approval of the Development Plan.

b. Landscaping – See WC 16.06 et seq.

c. Lighting – See WC 16.07 et seq.

d. Signs – See WC 16.08 et seq.

e. Building Orientation.

In order to create variation and interest in the built environment, all new single family subdivisions shall utilize appropriate techniques (e.g., plat restrictions, building setback lines, or other method as approved by the Plan Commission) to accomplish the design objectives as set forth below:

At least one (1) of the following two (2) design objectives:

- (1) Development of single family subdivisions in which single family lots are so laid out that dwellings are located with the front of the dwelling oriented toward the perimeter street of the subdivision. This design

objective may be accomplished through the utilization of frontage road in those instances where the classification of the perimeter street would prohibit individual lots from gaining direct access to the perimeter street; or,

- (2) Single family dwellings located on lots adjacent to a perimeter street of a subdivision and located so as to have a rear or side façade oriented to said perimeter street shall utilize multiple textures (e.g., rough, smooth, striated, etc.) or multiple architectural elements (e.g., quoins, pilasters, soldier courses, lintels, friezes, cornices, dentils, architraves, etc.) on each façade visible from the perimeter street; and,

At least two (2) of the following three (3) design objectives:

- (1) Development of single family subdivisions in which the front façade of an attached or detached front load garages are stepped back from the front building line by at least one-half of the depth of the single family dwelling on the lot;
- (2) Development of single family subdivisions in which the building setback line varies within each block face to eliminate monotonous building placement; or,
- (3) Development of single-family subdivisions in which no two single-family dwellings may be located on side to side adjacent lots with the same combination or proportion of roofing or siding materials on each façade visible from a public street. This design objective may be accomplished through the use of different combinations or proportions of roofing or siding materials on each front façade, like-oriented façade and facing façade of single-family dwellings located on adjacent lots and visible from a public street. Simple variation in color scheme shall not be deemed sufficient.

f. **Building Materials. WC § 16.04.165 Development Plan Review**

In order to create variation and interest in the built environment, all single family dwellings built in a single family subdivision in a Residential District (AG-SF1, AG-SF 1 I, SF1, **SF-A**, SF2, SF3, SF4 and SF5) shall be restricted in the use of roofing and siding materials on all façades as follows:

- (1) No single family dwelling shall utilize rolled roofing or tar paper as the visible final layer of roofing materials.
- (2) No single family dwelling shall utilize vinyl siding on more than twenty-five (25) percent (exclusive of window or door areas) of any façade.

g. Development Plan as Requirement for Primary Plat Approval.

Approval shall not be granted to any primary plat unless a development plan shall have been approved prior to or contemporaneous with the primary plat.

E. Findings Required for Approval of a Development Plan.

The Plan Commission or Director may approve a Development Plan upon finding that:

1. The proposed development is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Westfield – Washington Township Comprehensive Plan; and,
2. The proposed development plan satisfies the development requirements specified in this Ordinance.

F. Development Requirements Which May Be Waived.

In order to encourage innovative building and site designs capable of enhancing the quality of the built environment of Westfield – Washington Township, the Plan Commission may, pursuant to IC 36-7-4-1402(b)(4), waive Development Requirements related to: Site Access and Site Circulation; Building Orientation; or, Building Materials, for the approval of a Development Plan upon making findings as specified in WC 16.04.165, G., below. The Plan Commission may not waive any other Development Requirements. Any other Development Requirement must be complied with unless a variance of such Development Requirement is obtained from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

If a Site Access waiver is requested, the Plan Commission may not grant such waiver unless a favorable review comment or letter regarding the site access waiver is received from the Town, County or State agency having jurisdiction over access to and from the applicable street.

G. Conditions for Waiver of Development Requirements.

The Plan Commission may approve a waiver of Development Requirements only upon finding that:

1. The proposed development represents an innovative use of site design / site access design / site circulation design / building orientation / building materials / landscaping which will enhance the use or value of area properties;
2. The proposed development will not be injurious to the public health, safety, morals or general welfare of Westfield – Washington Township;
3. The strict application of the Development Requirements of the Westfield – Washington Township Zoning Ordinance will result in a development of the real estate which is undesirable when compared with the proposed development;

4. The proposed development is consistent with and compatible with other development located in the area; and,
5. The proposed development is consistent with the intent and purpose of the Westfield – Washington Township Comprehensive Plan.

H. Plan Documentation and Supporting Information.

All requests for Development Plan approval shall include the following plans, as set forth Subsection J., below:

1. Site Plan. *
 2. Site Plan (for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).
 3. Overall Plan. *
 4. Landscape Plan. *
 5. Building Elevations.
 6. Lighting Plan. *
 7. Sign Plan. *
 8. Site Access and Site Circulation Plan. *
 9. A Traffic Impact Study (when a proposed development meets or exceeds the warrants of the INDOT Traffic Impact Study Guidelines (i.e., (i) 150 or more dwelling units; (ii) 15,000 square feet or more of retail space; (iii) 35,000 or more square feet of office space; (iv) 70,000 square feet or more square feet of industrial space; (v) 30,000 square feet or more of educational space; (vi) 120 or more occupied rooms; (vii) 46,000 or more square feet of medical space; or, (viii) any mixed use development which generates 100 or more peak hour trips in the peak direction).
 10. Statement of Development Build-out. *
 11. Green Space Provisions. *
- * Items **not** required for an individual single family dwelling or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District.

I. Procedures.

1. Application for Development Plan Approval by the Plan Commission shall be in compliance with the following procedures:

- a. Pre-Filing Conference.

A pre-filing conference with Staff is required prior to the filing of any Development Plan for public hearing before the Plan Commission. At the pre-filing conference, the petitioner shall provide three (3) copies of a preliminary sketch plan capable of depicting the proposed development. Staff may take up to ten (10) business days to review the proposed sketch plan and provide comments back to the petitioner. The petitioner is

encouraged to incorporate the comments received from Staff into the design of the project prior to filing for Development Plan approval.

Notwithstanding anything contained in this Ordinance to the contrary, neither the Staff's conceptual review of the sketch plan nor Staff's comments to the petitioner relating thereto shall be considered a denial, approval or decision concerning the proposed Development Plan.

b. Who May File.

Development Plans may be initiated by a petition signed by the owners of the land involved in the petition, or the owner's authorized agent. If an authorized agent files a petition, a signed and notarized consent form must accompany the application.

c. Filing Deadline.

All Development Plans shall be filed at least forty (40) days prior to the initial public meeting at which they are to be considered by the Plan Commission.

d. Forms of Filing.

All Development Plans for public hearing by the Plan Commission shall be on forms provided by Community Services Department. In addition, Site Plans, Overall Plans, Landscape Plans, Building Elevations, Lighting Plans, Sign Plans, Site Access and Site Circulation Plans, surveys, legal descriptions, proposed commitments and any other relevant supporting documentation shall be of a usable scale and quality. The number of copies of all petitions and supporting documentation required to be filed shall be as established by the Community Services Department.

e. Findings of Fact.

The petitioner shall, at the time of filing of the petition, file proposed detailed written findings of fact.

f. Specifying Request.

All Development Plans shall specify the approvals or waivers requested. Any items, even if indicated on the proposed Site Plan, Overall Plan, Building Elevations or Site Access and Site Circulation Plan, shall not be considered a part of the request presented to the Plan Commission for its consideration unless specified in the Development Plan.

g. Docketing by Community Services Department.

Each Development Plan filed shall be reviewed for completeness. All Development Plans which are determined to be in proper form pursuant to the guidelines established by the Community Services Department shall, within ten (10) days of filing, be numbered and docketed by the Staff for an initial hearing by the Plan Commission.

h. Investigation of Petitions.

Upon assignment of a number and hearing date, a copy of the Development Plan and relevant supporting documentation shall be distributed to members of Staff and the members of the Technical Advisory Committee for review and comment.

The Director may submit a written report to the Plan Commission stating any facts concerning the physical characteristics of the area involved in the Development Plan, together with a recital of surrounding land use and public facilities available to service the area, or other pertinent facts. The written report may also contain opinions of the Staff concerning the proposal contained in the Development Plan and a report from members of the Technical Advisory Committee. A copy of such statement shall be made available to the Petitioner and all remonstrators of record, if any.

i. Notice Requirements.

All notices for public hearings regarding a Development Plan Approval before the Plan Commission shall be provided in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) Due and proper notice shall be served according to the provisions of Indiana law IC 5-3-1-2.
- (2) Petitioners shall notify all contiguous property owners of public hearings via certified mail, which shall be received by the contiguous property owners at least ten (10) days prior to the date of public hearing.
- (3) The petitioner must present a copy of public notice, proof of publication, and copies of certified mail receipts to the Community Services Department Staff at least five (5) days prior to the time of public hearing as proof of fulfilling due and proper notice requirements.

Any Development Plan, which has been delegated to Director for approval, may occur without public notice and without a public hearing.

j. Conduct of Public Hearings.

In order to provide all interested parties with a fair hearing, Petitioners and remonstrators shall be afforded a reasonable amount of time for the presentation of evidence, statements and argument at the public hearing of every Petition before the Plan Commission. The order of the presentation of evidence, statements and arguments shall be as follows:

- (1) Staff of the Plan Commission shall be given a reasonable time to introduce the matter being considered and for the presentation of evidence or statements regarding the petition being considered.
- (2) Petitioners shall be allotted a reasonable time to present evidence, statements and arguments in support of the petition being considered.
- (3) Plan Commission members shall be afforded the opportunity to ask questions about the petition of either Staff or the Petitioner.
- (4) Members of the public interested in the petition, whether for or against the petition, shall be allotted a reasonable time to present evidence, statements and arguments related to the petition being considered.
- (5) The Petitioner shall have a reasonable opportunity for rebuttal, which shall include only evidence, statements and argument in rebuttal of or in response to comments of Staff, the Plan Commission or members of the public, and a brief closing statement.

At the conclusion of remarks by any party, the Plan Commission shall have the right to ask questions pertaining to the evidence, statements and argument presented

The presiding officer shall have authority to cut off repetitious and irrelevant testimony and shall make reasonable efforts to allow equal time for Petitioners and remonstrators.

All persons appearing at a public hearing shall act in an orderly and courteous manner. Discourteous, disorderly or contemptuous conduct shall be regarded as a breach of the privileges extended by the Plan Commission and shall be dealt with by the presiding officer as is deemed fair and proper.

2. Application for Development Plan Approval by the Director shall be accomplished in compliance with the following procedures:
 - a. All Development Plans for approval by the Director shall be on forms provided by Community Services Department. In addition, Site Plans, Building Elevations, surveys, legal descriptions, proposed commitments and any other relevant supporting documentation shall be of a usable scale and quality. The number of copies of a Development Plan and supporting documentation required to be filed shall be as established by the Community Services Department.
 - b. Contact the Director to make an appointment to deliver the Development Plan and provide a brief explanation of the proposed development.
 - c. Director shall have a period of not more than fifteen (15) days in which to review the proposed Development Plan and either make a decision concerning the Development Plan or request, in writing, additional information from the applicant.
 - d. Director may seek the advice and comment of members of Staff or the Technical Advisory Committee prior to making a decision.
 - e. Any Development Plan, which has been delegated to the Director, may occur without public notice and without a public hearing.
 - f. Appeals of Determinations by Director.

Any determination of the Director made under the authority of this Chapter may be appealed by any interested party to the Plan Commission within five (5) business days of such decision by filing a letter with the Plan Commission. Such letter shall request a hearing on the matter by the Plan Commission at the Plan Commission's next regularly scheduled meeting for which published notice of the appeal pursuant to I.C. 5-3-1 can be provided.

3. Fees.

In order to defray administrative costs, the following fees shall be applicable:

- a. Development Plans filed for Plan Commission approval – See WC 16.04.180 Figures; or,
- b. Development Plans filed for Director's approval – included in the building permit fee.

The applicant shall pay all fees at the time of filing of a Development Plan.

4. Hearings.

All public hearings regarding a Development Plan before the Plan Commission shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Rules of Procedure of the Plan Commission and in this Subsection I.

5. Amendments.

a. Amendments to Development Plans pending determination by the Plan Commission.

(1) Amendments Proposed at a Public Hearing.

The applicant may make amendments to Development Plans pending determination by the Plan Commission at any time prior to a vote being called for by the Plan Commission. If, in the sole discretion of the Plan Commission, the proposed amendment is of such a nature that additional time is needed for review, the Plan Commission may continue the consideration of such amended Development Plan to the next meeting of the Plan Commission.

The Plan Commission, in its sole discretion, may assign a continued Development Plan to a committee of the Plan Commission for further review and evaluation prior to the next meeting of the Plan Commission.

If amendments are presented by the Petitioner and agreed to by the Plan Commission at the public hearing, revised plans indicating all amendments, as approved by the Plan Commission, shall be filed with the Community Services Department within thirty (30) days of the Plan Commission hearing or prior to the issuance of an Improvement Location Permit, whichever is earlier.

(2) Amendments To Development Plans Prior To Preparation of a Staff Report.

In order for the written Staff Report regarding a Development Plan to include comments and recommendations related to plans amended in response to comments provided by Staff or members of the Technical Advisory Committee, any such amendments must be received by Staff at least two (2) weeks prior to the scheduled public hearing by the Plan Commission.

If the Director determines that additional changes have been made to the Development Plan beyond those necessary to comply with the recommendations of Staff or members of the Technical

Advisory Committee, the Director may continue the public hearing of the Development Plan before the Westfield – Washington Township Plan Commission and require the re-submittal of the amended plans for review by Staff and members of the Technical Advisory Committee.

b. Amendments To Development Plans Pending Determination By The Director.

The applicant may make amendments to Development Plans pending determination by the Director at any time prior to a determination being made by the Director. If, in the sole discretion of the Director, the proposed amendment is of such a nature that additional time is needed for review, the amended Development Plan shall be deemed a new filing and shall be reviewed within the time frames set forth in WC 16.04.165, I., 2., above for the initial review of Development Plans by the Director.

c. Amendments to Approved Development Plans.

Minor amendments to Development Plans which have already received approval from the Plan Commission or the Director and which do not involve: (a) an increase in height, area, bulk or intensity of land uses; (b) the designation of additional land uses; (c) the reduction in perimeter yards; (d) the addition of driveways or access points; or, (e) reduction in the amount of parking for any use, may be authorized by the Director without a public hearing in its continuing administration of the Development Plan if, in the determination of the Director, the requested minor amendments do not adversely impact the purpose or intent of the overall development.

Such minor amendments authorized by the Director shall be reported, in writing, to the Plan Commission at the next regular meeting of the Plan Commission.

If the Director determines that the proposed minor modification is of such a nature as to adversely impact the purpose or intent of the overall development, or if the proposed modification includes an increase in intensity of any land use or if the proposed modification includes the designation of an additional land use(s), petitioner shall be required to file a new petition for Development Plan Approval.

Any decision of the Director regarding the amendment of Development Plan may be appealed by any interested party to the Plan Commission within thirty (30) days of such determination.

6. Signature for Findings.

All findings specified above for the approval of a Development Plan shall be reduced to writing and signed by the Director of the Community Services Department in the case of a determination by the Director, or by the President of the Plan Commission in the case of a determination by the Plan Commission, and retained as a part of the permanent record of the determination.

J. Plan Documentation.

1. Site Plan (For Site Plan requirements for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District, see WC 16.040165, J., 2.).

A site plan (indicates the nature of the proposed development) filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100' and shall include the following items:

- a. North arrow;
- b. Graphic scale;
- c. Address of the site;
- d. Proposed name of the development;
- e. Area map insert showing the general location of the site referenced to major streets, section lines and Alternative Transportation System, as well as the zoning and land use of adjacent property;
- f. Legal description of the site;
- g. Boundary lines of the site including all dimensions of the site;
- h. Names, centerlines and right-of-way widths of all streets, alleys and easements;
- i. Layout, number, dimension and area (in square feet and acres) of all lots and out lots with zoning setback lines or building setback lines;
- j. Location and dimensions of all existing structures, including paved areas;
- k. Location and dimensions of all proposed structures, including paved areas, and indicated by cross-hatching;
- l. Location and name of all existing and proposed public or private streets, access easements, Alternative Transportation System, and rights-of-way within two-hundred (200) feet of the site;
- m. Location of all floodway and floodway fringe areas within the boundaries of the site;
- n. Location of all existing and proposed utility facilities and easements, including, but not limited to: sanitary sewer, water, storm water management, electric, gas, telephone and cable;
- o. Use of each structure by labeling including approximate density or size of all proposed uses and structures on the site (e.g. parking - # of parking spaces required and provided, residence - # of dwelling units per net acre, office - gross floor area);

- p. Structures proposed for demolition should be indicated as such;
- q. Distance of all structures from front, rear and side lot lines. (This distance is measured as a line from the point where the structure is closest to the lot line. This line is perpendicular to the lot line.);
- r. Location of any proposed or existing driveway and its width at the lot line. (Any connection to an alley must also be indicated);
- s. All improvements to street system on-site and off-site;
- t. Plan for sidewalks or Alternate Transportation System;
- u. Measurement of curb radius and/or taper;
- v. Names of legal ditches and streams on or adjacent to the site;
- w. Location and type (e.g. ground, pole, wall) of all signs on the site;
- x. Areas reserved for park, recreation, conservation, wetland, common area, lake, trails or other similar uses;
- y. Existing zoning and land use of all adjoining real estate; and,
- z. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Site Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

2. Site Plan (Required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

A site plan (indicates the nature of the proposed development) filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100' and shall include the following items:

- a. North arrow;
- b. Graphic scale;
- c. Address of the site;
- d. Legal description of the site;
- e. Boundary lines of the site including all dimensions of the site;
- f. Names, centerlines and right-of-way widths of all streets, alleys and easements;
- g. Location and dimensions of all existing structures, including paved areas;
- h. Location and dimensions of all proposed structures, including paved areas, and indicated by cross-hatching;
- i. Location of all floodway and floodway fringe areas within the boundaries of the site;
- j. Location of all existing and proposed utility facilities and easements, including, but not limited to: sanitary sewer, water, storm water management, electric, gas, telephone and cable;
- k. Use of each structure by labeling and size (e.g. one story house – 1,200 sq. ft., detached garage – 576 sq. ft., storage shed – 120 sq. ft.);
- l. Structures proposed for demolition should be indicated as such;

- m. Distance of all structures from front, rear and side lot lines. (This distance is measured as a line from the point where the structure is closest to the lot line. This line is perpendicular to the lot line.);
- n. Location of any proposed or existing driveway and its width at the lot line. (Any connection to an alley must also be indicated);
- o. Measurement of curb radius and/or taper;
- p. Names of legal ditches and streams on or adjacent to the site; and,
- q. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Site Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

- 3. Overall Plan (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

An Overall Plan (if applicable, indicates the nature of the subject project and its relationship to the major features of the larger integrated center of which the project is a part) filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100' and shall include the following items:

- a. North arrow;
- b. Graphic scale;
- c. Address of the site;
- d. Proposed name of the development;
- e. Area map insert showing the general location of the site referenced to major streets, section lines and Alternative Transportation System, as well as the zoning and land use of adjacent property;
- f. Legal description of the site;
- g. Boundary lines of the site including all dimensions of the site;
- h. Names, centerlines and right-of-way widths of all streets, alleys and easements;
- i. Layout, number, dimension and area (in square feet and acres) of all lots and out lots with zoning setback lines and/or building setback lines;
- j. Location and name of all existing and proposed public or private streets, access easements, Alternative Transportation System, and rights-of-way within two-hundred (200) feet of the site;
- k. Location of all floodway and floodway fringe areas within the boundaries of the site;
- l. Location of all existing and proposed utility facilities and easements, including, but not limited to: sanitary sewer, water, storm water management, electric, gas, telephone and cable;
- m. All improvements to street system on-site and off-site;
- n. Plan for sidewalks or Alternate Transportation System;

- o. Location, dimensions, and type (e.g. ground, pole, wall) of all signs on the site. Include separate elevations of proposed sign structures with all dimensions drawn to scale;
- p. Areas reserved for park, recreation, conservation, wetland, common area, lake or other similar uses;
- q. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Overall Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

- 4. Landscape Plan (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

Landscape Plans filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall: indicate compliance with the requirements of WC 16.06, et seq. - Landscaping Standards; be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100'; and, include the following items:

- a. Names and addresses of owners, developers, plan preparers, plan preparation dates, graphic scale of drawings, and north arrow;
- b. Address of the site;
- c. Proposed name of the development;
- d. Locations and dimensions of all existing and proposed structures, parking lots, driveways, roadways, rights-of-way, sidewalks, pedestrian pathways, bicycle pathways, ground signs, refuse disposal areas bicycle parking areas, freestanding electrical equipment, recreation facilities, utility lines, easements, freestanding structural features, landscape improvements, earth berms, walls, fences, screens, sculptures, fountains, street furniture, lights, courts, paved areas, buffer yards, primary and secondary green space areas, and green belt space;
- e. Locations, quantities, sizes and names (botanical names and common names) – of planting materials;
- f. Existing and proposed grading plans, indicating contours at not more than two-foot intervals;
- g. Locations of barriers to be placed at or beyond the driplines of trees to be preserved and types of materials to be used for barriers;
- h. Planting and installation details as necessary to ensure conformance with required standards;
- i. Details indicating specific grading measures or protective devices to be utilized where trees are to be preserved in areas of cut and fill;
- j. Tables clearly displaying relevant statistical information, including numbers of existing trees, numbers of trees to be preserved, etc.;
- k. Overlay sheets at the same scale as landscape plans that display locations, sizes, and common names of individual trees that measure eight (8) inches

or more in caliper, areas of dense trees or shrubs, and other natural areas which are to be preserved or removed; and,

- l. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Landscape Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

5. Building Elevations.

Building Elevations filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall be drawn to scale and shall include the following items:

- a. Address of the site;
- b. Proposed name of the development;
- c. Graphic scale;
- d. Elevations for each facade of the building;
- e. Specification or sample of the type and color of building materials to be used for all wall, window, roof and other architectural features;
- f. A separate true color rendering of the proposed building, including any proposed wall sign; *
- g. Placement, size, color and illumination details for any proposed wall sign; *
- h. Details of any exterior architectural lighting proposed on or around the building; *
- i. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Building Elevation requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

- * Items not required for an individual single family dwelling or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District.

6. Lighting Plan (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

Lighting Plans filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall: indicate compliance with the requirements of WC 16.07 et seq. - Lighting Standards, be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100', and, include the following items:

- a. North arrow;
- b. Graphic scale;

- c. Address of the site;
- d. Proposed name of the development;
- e. Boundary lines of the site including all dimensions of the site;
- f. Location and dimensions of all existing structures, parking areas and walkways;
- g. Type and location of all exterior of lighting fixtures, including, wattage and type of light;
- h. Intensity of lighting at base of light structure and at the lot line measured in foot candles;
- i. If architectural building lighting is proposed, indicate the location, type and intensity of lighting on each building façade. (If architectural building lighting is proposed, the photometric plan required in item h. above, shall include the architectural building lighting in the measurement of overall light intensity at the lot line.);
- j. Timing of lighting and method of control of lighting; and,
- k. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Lighting Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

7. Sign Plan (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

Sign Plans filed in connection with the submission of a Development Plan shall; indicate compliance with the requirements of WC 16.08 et seq. - Sign Standards; be drawn to scale; and, include the following items:

- a. Address of the site;
- b. Proposed name of the development;
- c. Graphic scale;
- d. A site plan indicating the location of any existing or proposed freestanding signs;
- e. A site plan indicating the location of any building upon which a sign is to be mounted, with the location of the signs indicated;
- f. Elevation of proposed signs including size, materials and color;
- g. A true color rendering of the proposed signs;
- h. Illumination details for proposed signs, including the timing of sign illumination and method of control of such illumination; and,
- i. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Sign Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

8. Site Access and Site Circulation Plan (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

A Site Access and Site Circulation Plan shall be required all development, except individual single family homes. The Site Access and Site Circulation Plan shall be drawn to scale of not more than 1"=100' and shall include the following items:

- a. North arrow;
- b. Graphic scale;
- c. Address of site;
- d. Proposed name of the development;
- e. Area map insert showing the general location of the site referenced to major streets, section lines and Alternate Transportation System;
- f. Names, centerlines and right-of-way widths of all streets, alleys and easements;
- g. Location and name of all existing and proposed public or private streets, access easements and rights-of-way within two-hundred (200) feet of the site;
- h. Location of any proposed or existing driveway onto a street or alley and its width at the lot line;
- i. Depictions of all travel lanes, turning movements, vehicle storage areas and tapers, including dimensions, at all driveways;
- j. All improvements to the street system on-site and off site;
- k. Centerline measurements between all existing and proposed driveways within two-hundred (200) feet of the site;
- l. Measurement of curb radius and/or taper;
- m. Location and dimensions of primary vehicular ways in and around the proposed development;
- n. Location of any proposed or existing sidewalk or pathway;
- j. Any other information necessary to support a thorough review of the project and as requested in writing by the Plan Commission or Director.

The Site Access and Site Circulation Plan requirements listed above may be incorporated into the required Site Plan.

Director, in its sole discretion, may, in writing, waive or relax any of the Site Access and Site Circulation Plan requirements listed above, which are not necessary to support a thorough review of the project.

9. Traffic Impact Study (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

A Traffic Impact Study shall be required when a proposed development will meet or exceed the warrants of the INDOT Traffic Impact Study Guidelines (i.e., (i) 150 or more dwelling units; (ii) 15,000 square feet or more of retail space; (iii) 35,000 or more square feet of office space; (iv) 70,000 square feet or more square feet of industrial space; (v) 30,000 square feet or more of educational space; (vi) 120 or more occupied rooms; (vii) 46,000 or more square feet of medical space; or, (viii) any mixed use development which generates 100 or more peak hour trips in the peak direction). A registered professional engineer shall prepare the Traffic Impact Study. The Traffic Impact Study shall evaluate the impact of present and future traffic generated by the proposed development on the adjacent roadway system. Prior to commencement, an applicant shall meet with the Staff of the Community Development Department to determine an appropriate scope for the Traffic Impact Study.

10. Statement of Development Build-Out (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

Petitioner shall indicate, either on the submitted site plan, overall plan or in writing, a statement of: (i) the order of development of the major infrastructure elements of the project; (ii) project phase boundaries, if any; (iii) the order and content of each phase; and, (iv) an estimate the time frame for build-out of the project.

11. Green Space Provisions (Not required for individual single family dwellings or accessory residential structure on an individual lot in a Residential District).

Petitioner shall indicate, either on the submitted landscape plan or in writing, along with any necessary explanatory materials or graphics, a statement of the nature and extent of all existing and proposed green space on the real estate.

K. Transitional Rules.

Any application for Development Plan or Improvement Location Permit which has been filed with the Community Development Department of Westfield – Washington Township and which application is full and complete under the provisions of the Westfield – Washington Township Zoning Ordinance prior to the effective date of this Ordinance shall continue to be processed to completion pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Westfield – Washington Township Zoning Ordinance in effect at the time of making such application.

In the case of a Development Plan subject to these Transitional Rules, substantial completion shall occur within two (2) years of the date of approval by the Plan

Commission. The Director may, for good cause shown, grant a one-time extension of up to one (1) year in duration to obtain substantial completion. If substantial completion has not occurred within two (2) years of the date of approval, or by the end of the one (1) year extension period if granted by the Director, the developer shall present a Special Request before the Plan Commission for an extension of time in which to achieve substantial completion. If an extension of time is either: not requested; or, denied by either the Director or the Plan Commission, the prior Development Plan approval shall be deemed null and void and any further development of the site shall require the approval of a new Development Plan in compliance with the terms and provisions of the Westfield – Washington Township Zoning Ordinance in effect at the time of filing of the new Development Plan.

Substantial completion shall mean, by way of example, the completion of infrastructure or structural improvements which are essential to: (i) the safe and efficient development of eighty (80) percent or more of the lots in a subdivision; or, (ii) the safe habitability, use or function of a structure.